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**CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT**

**West Fork Bitterroot River Road (along Painted Rocks Lake) MT PFH 66-1(3)**

**Accomplishments through November 14, 2003:**

Again the big news of the week is that due to the weather the paving **will not** be occurring this year. We will startup as soon as practical next spring to finish the project. The guardrail will be continuing until completion this year along the new road. The guardrail North of the dam will not be installed until next spring. Signs and delineators are complete as of today. The guardrail work will continue for two or more weeks. There was some road maintenance completed this week while there was sun to melt the roadway.

**Future activities planned for the project:**

Pumco, Inc is planning on working through the weekend including Sunday of this week to make up for the days lost at the end of last week when it was cold. The work on Saturday and Sunday of this week should only include flaggers since the work area will be relatively small. Pumco, Inc. will be taking care of the road maintenance (not snow removal) over the winter. Please forward any road conditions and concerns to Mike Smith with Pumco, Inc. at 406-273-2811. Also I can be reached by E-mail at: [Todd.Butikofer@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:Todd.Butikofer@fhwa.dot.gov) I still can be reached at the phone number below for the next couple of weeks.

**Other news of note:**

Pumco, Inc. current work schedule is 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Sunday. **There will be no road closures for the following week, only flaggers and pilot cars. Once work start up warrants their use next spring the closures will begin again.**

As a reminder the road open/closure schedule is as follows:

7:00 pm to 8:00 am	Open Road
8:00 am to 10:00 am	Road Closure Permitted
10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Open Road
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Road Closure Permitted
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Open Road
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Road Closure Permitted

**During Open Road periods expect short delays for flaggers and/or pilot car.** Please be watchful of the flaggers and be prepared to stop, and follow the flagger's directions and follow the pilot car for your own safety as well as the safety of the workers.

Please refer your questions, comments, or concerns to Todd Butikofer at (406) 821-9932 Drive Safe!

